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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMMONWEALTH GENERAL SECRETARY SHRIDATH
RAMPHAL TO GUYANA

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SUMMARY: DURING FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT HERE, COMMONWEALTH
GENERAL SECRETARY SHRIDATH RAMPHAL HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG
OFFICIALS CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA.
END SUMMARY.

1. COMMONWEALTH GENERAL SECRETARY SHRIDATH RAMPHAL HAS
CONCLUDED OFFICIAL FOUR-DAY VISIT TO GUYANA DURING WHICH HE
CONSULTED WITH CARICOM GENERAL SECRETARY ALISTER MCINTYRE,
ACTING PRIME MINISTER PTOLEMY REID, MINISTER OF FINANCE FRANK
HOPE, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HUBERT JACK,
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FONMIN FRED WILLS AND OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT RAMPHAL ALSO MET WITH PM
BURNHAM FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS. RAMPHAL WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY DR. ABASS BUNDU AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AND HEAD
OF THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION (CFTC)
ANTHONY TASKER.

2. ACCORDING TO CHRONICLE, RAMPHAL'S TALKS WITH GOG OFFICIALS CENTERED ON COMMONWEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GUYANA PARTICULARLY THROUGH CFTC, ON COMMONWEALTH HEADS-OF-GOVERNMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON IN JUNE, AND ON THRUST TOWARDS NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. DISCUSSIONS WITH WILLS CONCENTRATED ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES. AT LOCAL PRESS CONFERENCE, RAMPHAL DECLARED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ZIMBABWE QUESTION ARE NO LONGER SUBSTITUTE FOR ARMED STRUGGLE BUT COMPLEMENT TO IT. SECRETARY GENERAL STATED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO POSITIVE ROLE FROM CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THAT US MUST NOW DECIDE EXACTLY WHAT ITS ROLE WILL BE. RAMPHAL SAID HE IS PLEASED BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S ASSERTION THAT US MUST PLAY AN ACTIVIST ROLE IN LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE.

3. COMMENT: FULL BUT NOT PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE GIVEN TO RAMPHAL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED ATTENTION GIVEN TO SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES. PRESS ALSO GAVE MUCH COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA. GOG HAS OFTEN EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA IN EFFORT TO CULTIVATE ITS IMAGE AS BLACK STATE.
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